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Attachment 16

FAA Letter of Authorization on Air Boss Recognition Program

November 22, 2023



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**Federal Aviation  
Administration**

6/29/2018

Mr. John Cudahy  
President/CEO, International Council of  
Air Shows, Inc.  
748 Miller Dr., Suite G-3  
Leesburg, VA 20175

Dear Mr. Cudahy:

The General Aviation and Commercial Division, AFS-800, has reviewed the International Council of Air Shows' (ICAS) Air Boss Recognition Manual (ABRP), revision 1 (May 07, 2018), effective June 30, 2018.

AFS-800 accepts the manual and recognition of the FAA-accepted ICAS ABRP as meeting the requirements for the issue of a FAA Letter of Authorization (LOA) to act as an air boss at an air show, as established in FAA Order 8900.1, volume 5, chapter 9, section 6. Any changes to this manual will require revalidation by this office.

We look forward to the next steps in addressing the agreed upon plan to implement the ICAS ABRP manual, proposed to begin implementation by June 30, 2018. After January 1, 2019, an FAA air boss LOA will be required to act as an air boss at an air show issued a FAA Certificate of Waiver, FAA Form 7711-1.

We appreciate the cooperation you have extended to the FAA and look forward to working with ICAS in the future to assure the highest levels of aviation safety for the airshow and aviation events community. Please contact Sue Gardner, the National Aviation Events Specialist, with any questions at [REDACTED] or via email at [REDACTED].

Sincerely,

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